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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 22, 1999

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC990045

To implement Extended Local Service  
from its Chatham exchange to  
Sprint/Centel's Bachelors Hall exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On March 18, 1999, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc., ("BA-VA" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. BA-VA proposes to notify its Chatham exchange subscribers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to expand their local service to include the Bachelors Hall exchange of Sprint/Centel. The application states that telephone subscribers in the Bachelors Hall exchange had earlier petitioned the Commission for local calling to Chatham. Using a cost study prepared by Sprint/Centel, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates that would result from the expansion of the Bachelors Hall local service area to include Chatham. Subscribers in the Bachelors Hall exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay higher

rates for local calling to Chatham. The majority of those responding supported the proposal.

Cost studies have been conducted to determine the monthly rates for extended local service from Chatham to the Bachelors Hall exchange. Because the resulting increase does not exceed 5% of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for Chatham subscribers, a poll of those subscribers is not required by § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW, having considered BA-VA's application, BA-VA's proposed notice, and applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that BA-VA should give notice to its customers in the Chatham exchange of this application; and that those subscribers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC990045.
- (2) On or before August 2, 1999, BA-VA customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before that deadline. Individuals may file single copies. All comments or

requests for hearing shall be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer to Case No. PUC990045.

(3) A copy of this order and the application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Upon customer request, a copy of BA-VA's application also shall be furnished by BA-VA's customer service center.

(4) On or before July 1, 1999, BA-VA shall furnish by direct mail the following notice to Chatham exchange customers:

NOTICE THAT BELL ATLANTIC - VIRGINIA, INC.  
PROPOSES TO EXPAND THE LOCAL SERVICE AREA OF  
THE CHATHAM EXCHANGE TO INCLUDE THE  
BACHELORS HALL EXCHANGE, CASE NO. PUC990045

Telephone subscribers in Sprint/Centel's Bachelors Hall exchange petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to Bell Atlantic - Virginia's ("BA-VA") Chatham exchange (telephone numbers beginning with 804-432,433). Subscribers in the Bachelors Hall exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay an increase in monthly rates for local calling to the Chatham exchange. The majority of those customers responding in the Bachelors Hall exchange supported this expansion of local service.

Based on BA-VA's cost, the Commission determined the monthly rates for expanded local service for Chatham customers to call the Bachelors Hall exchange (telephone numbers beginning with 804-685). For expanded local calling to Bachelors Hall from Chatham, monthly rates would increase as follows:

flat rate residential service, \$0.28;  
residential message rate service, \$0.19;  
residential measured rate service, \$0.18;  
residential economy message service, \$0.11;  
residential economy measured service, \$0.11;  
residential exchange only service, \$0.23;  
business flat rate service, \$1.02; business  
message rate lines or trunks \$0.26; business  
measured rate lines or trunks, \$0.27 and  
flat rate PBX trunks, \$1.58.

Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should contact BA-VA's customer service center. Residential customers should call 954-6222; businesses should call 954-6888. Copies of BA-VA's application may be obtained by contacting the Company's customer service center at the telephone numbers listed above, or reviewed at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such requests or comments in writing, referring to Case No. PUC990045, with the Clerk of the Commission, Joel H. Peck, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before August 2, 1999.

If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of 5% or 150 of the Chatham customers, it may

consider BA-VA's application without a hearing.

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(5) On or before August 2, 1999, BA-VA shall provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) If the Commission receives objections or requests for a hearing from the lesser of 5% or 150 of the Chatham exchange customers, it may consider BA-VA's application without a hearing.

(7) On or before August 13, 1999, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on the comments received.